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In Re Application of

ISHIMARU, et al.

Application No. 10/500,169



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Priority claimed from: Japanese application 2001-394435 (filed December 26, 2001), and PCT International application PCT/JP02/13630 (filed December 26, 2002)

Filed: June 23, 2004

For: BASE ISOLATION DEVICE FOR A STRUCTURE

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September 21, 2004

STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, we submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 listing nine references. We provide the following information regarding non-English language references cited therein.

Reference JP 10-220526 is in Japanese, but a translation of at least the relevant portions is provided.

Reference JP 11-229319 is in Japanese, but a translation of at least the relevant portions is provided, and this reference is cited in the International Search Report (also provided) for the PCT international application from which this current U.S. application is claims priority.

Reference JP 6-174009 is in Japanese, but a translation of at least the relevant portions is provided, and this reference is cited in the International Search Report (also

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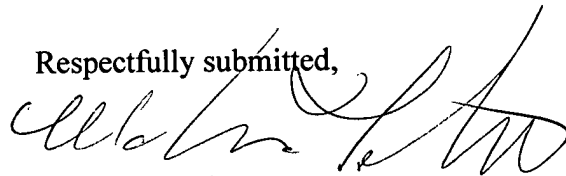
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Reference JP 29-88882 is in Japanese, but a translation of at least the relevant portions is provided, and this reference is cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report (also provided) for the PCT international application from which this current U.S. application is claims priority.

Entry and full consideration of all of these references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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2. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

☐ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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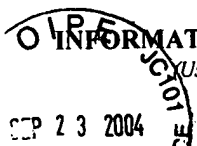
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	A	JP 10-220526	8/21/98	Japan	F16F	E04H	✓	
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	C	JP 6174009	6/21/94	Japan	F16F15	E01D1	✓	
	D	JP 11-229663	8/24/99	Japan	E04H	E04B		✓
	E	JP 27-90185	6/12/98	Japan	F16F		✓	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

F		International Search Report for corresponding PCT application PCT/JP02/13630, mailed April 22, 2003 (1 page)(citing JP 11-229319, JP 6-174009, and JP 11-229663).
G		International Preliminary <i>Examination</i> Search Report for corresponding PCT application PCT/JP02/13630, mailed March 16, 2004 (6 pages)(citing JP27-90185, JP 11-229663, JP 10-169244, and JP 29-88882).

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